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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Yvon BUARD

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Examiner R. Rodriguez

TRUNKING CONNECTING DEVICE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

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--1. (twice amended) A device for connecting at least two lengths of trunking adapted to bear against a support surface, said device including a plate for joining backs of trunking base sections, said backs of said trunking base sections having substantially plane rear faces adapted to bear against the support surface and opposed top faces, said plate having a rear face adapted to be flush with said rear faces of said backs and said plate having on each of its edges

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